



## E-Legislative Update

March 22, 2010

We are in the second week of special session.

You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs legislative priorities focus on state budget development and bills that impact the Asian Pacific American community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.



**Week One Highlights of Special Session:** The legislature discussed the following bills and issues of interest to the Asian Pacific American community last week.

Highlights of legislative discussion on **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** include:

- [EHB 2561](#) Creating jobs by funding construction of energy cost saving improvements to public facilities
- Senate and House Finance Committee passed [ESSB 5899](#) providing business and occupation tax credits for small businesses

Highlights of legislative discussion on the **BUDGET and REVENUE** include:

- Senate passed [ESSB 6444](#), the Operating Supplemental Budget, which now heads back to the House
- Senate Ways and Means Committee held a work session on [SB 6853](#) to sunset all current tax exemptions over time and place an expiration date on all future tax exemptions
- Senate and House passed [ESSB 6143](#) modifying excise tax laws to preserve funding for public schools, colleges, and universities, as well as other public systems essential for the safety, health and security of all Washingtonians



The Commission on Asian Pacific Affairs is pleased to share with you, *Legislative Review 2010*, containing information on bills of interest to the Asian Pacific American community from this past regular session. To view this document, [click here](#).

You can find more information through our e-legislative update and Web site on events of interest during this special session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview of a few bills of interest to the Asian Pacific American community while our [Web site](#) hosts a more extensive [list of bills](#) for those community members seeking more information.

To find out more information on bills signed by the Governor, [click here](#).

Information is current as of: March 21, 2010.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>

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CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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